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In re Patent Application of:  
Gupta et al.

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For: FACILITATING ANNOTATION CREATION  
AND NOTIFICATION VIA ELECTRONIC  
MAIL

Examiner: B. Prieto

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

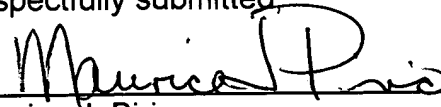
The Examiner mischaracterizes Hou in the Reason for Allowance. The Examiner states that "the Hou reference's annotation handler allows a new annotation to be made that is a reply to a selected segment from an e-mail message opened and retrieved from an mailbox database ('report') and then it generates the email message." The Examiner is implying that Hou's reply to an annotation to be added to a report is sent in a reply email message. Hou neither teaches nor suggests that a reply to an annotation or any new annotation to be added to a report is sent via email message.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 418268754US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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